

1 [Building Safety Month - May 2014]

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3 **Resolution declaring the month of May 2014 as Building Safety Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco and encouraging San Francisco residents to fully participate**
5 **in Building Safety Month activities.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco and the State of California are continuing multiple efforts to
8 address critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that
9 affect our residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and are taking active
10 steps to strengthen public confidence in the safety of our structures; and

11 WHEREAS, Widespread public confidence and awareness are achieved thanks to the
12 hard work and vigilant efforts of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects,
13 engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the building and construction
14 industry — people who work year-round to ensure the safe and code-compliant construction
15 of our buildings; and

16 WHEREAS, These Building Safety Guardians — dedicated members of the
17 International Code Council — employ a governmental consensus process that brings local,
18 state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment together on a regular basis to
19 create, update and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings
20 where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

21 WHEREAS, These International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety,
22 energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and
23 states, and help protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms,
24 tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes when impacted; and

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1 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to
2 remind the public about the critical role played daily by our communities' often unknown
3 guardians of public safety — our local code officials — who assure us of safe, efficient and
4 livable buildings; and

5 WHEREAS, “Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks,” the theme for
6 Building Safety Month in May 2014, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the
7 importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation,
8 backyard safety, energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry; and

9 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2014 encourages appropriate steps everyone can
10 take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and
11 sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation
12 of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the
14 month of May 2014 as Building Safety Month and encourages our citizens to fully participate
15 in Building Safety Month activities by supporting code-compliance and all local code
16 organizations.

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